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SUBJECT: P/L CHECK - GRAVITY METER - OEC/CD INVESTIGATIVE

CASE 3-184

REF: STATE A-6877, AUG 10,1973; BREMEN'S 0347

1. KURT JANSEN, OF MARTIN JANSEN SCHIFFSWERFT UND MASCHINEN-FABRIK OF LEER, INFORMED CONGEN THAT HE IS NOT REPEAT NOT AWARE OF RELIANCE ENGINEERING CORP. (REC) INTENTION TO ORDER LACOSTE AND ROMBERG STABILIZED-PLATFORM GRAVITY SYSTEM FOR DELIVERY TO HIS COMPANY.

2. JANSEN CONFIRMED THAT HE SIGNED OPTION CONTRACT WITH EASTERN MACHINERY TRADING CO. (EMT) OF BOMBAY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF RESEARCH VESSEL TO BE EMPLOYED IN EXPLORATION OF SEABED OIL DEPOSITS AND HYDROSTATICAL RESEARCH. JANSEN DOES NOT REPEAT NOT KNOW IN WHAT AREA VESSEL WILL OPERATE. IF PROJECT COMES TO FRUITION, CONTRACTING PARTY WILL BE NATURAL OIL AND GAS COMMISSION OF TEL BHAVAN/INDBA, WHICH, ACCORDING TO JANSEN, IS CONTROLLED BY INDIAN GOVERNMENT. JANSEN HAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED START OF

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CONSTRUCTION QUOTE SOME TIME IN 1974 UNQUOTE.

3. JANSEN AND EMT AGREED THAT LATTER WOULD NEGOTIATE PROCUREMENT OF NAVIGATIONAL AND RESEARCH EQUIPMENT FOR PROJECTED VESSEL PROBABLY WITH WESTERN GEOPHYSICAL CORP. OF AMERICA, HOUSTON, TEXAS. JANSEN WOULD EVENTUALLY ACT AS PURCHASER AND INCLUDE PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION COST IN FINAL BILL FOR VESSEL.

4. JANSEN DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT LACOSTE AND ROMBERG STABILIZED-PLATFORM GRAVITY SYSTEM COULD BE PROCURED THROUGH SAME PROCEDURE, BUT EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT TRANSACTION WOULD BE HANDLED BY REC RATHER THAN EMT.

5. REC BEGAN CONTACTING JANSEN ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO CONCERNING SHIP CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WHICH, HOWEVER, NEVER CAME TO FRUITION. IN PAST TWO YEARS JANSEN HAS NOT HEARD FROM REC. DURING PAST TRAVEL, JANSEN INTENDED TO CALL ON REC OFFICES IN BOMBAY, BUT WHEN HE FOUND THEM TO BE IN QUOTE CRUMMY PREMISES LOCATED IN BOMBAY SLUM AREA UNQUOTE, HE STOPPED CONTACTING REC AND HAS SINCE NOT BEEN INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING BUSINESS CONTACTS WITH THEM.

6. COMMENT: SINCE INDIAN PROJECT FOR RESEARCH VESSEL STILL APPEARS IN PART IN PLANNING STAGE, TRANSACTION PROPOSED BY REC MAY BE ABOVE BOARD, EVEN THOUGH GERMAN PARTY CANNOT CONFIRM IT. HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE DISCOUNTED THAT REC IS USING EARLIER CONTACTS WITH JANSEN AND KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT INDIAN RESEARCH VESSEL PROJECT TO OBTAIN EQUIPMENT IN QUESTION FOR UNAUTHORIZED DESTINATION.SULLIVAN

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